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Please replace the previous Abstract with the following redlined Abstract:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Figure 2

~~SECURITY INTEGRATED CIRCUIT~~

A semiconductor integrated circuit for the processing of conditional access television signals ~~comprises~~ that includes an input interface for receiving encrypted television signals and an output interface for output of decrypted television signals. The semiconductor integrated circuit is provided with some functionality restricted in some way by preventing one or more hardware circuit elements from operating, such as an MPEG decoder, display engine, IO ports or main CPU. To enable the functionality, a subscriber must pay for a service and then receives an encrypted message broadcast to the semiconductor integrated circuit ~~which~~ that is decrypted and instructs functionality to be turned on or off.